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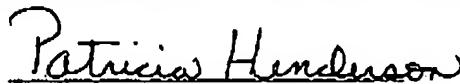
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Applicants hereby bring to the Examiner's attention the references listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (2)(i), Applicants have not enclosed copies of the cited U.S. patents. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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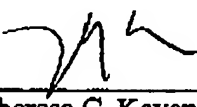
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